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To quiet the Possession, and to remove every Doubt as to the Freehold Rights of Catholics, or Persons professing the Roman Catholic Religion in *Ireland*, who have omitted to take and subscribe the Oath and Declaration mentioned in an Act passed in the thirteenth and fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, "An Act to enable His Majesty's Subjects of whatever "Persuasion to testify their Allegiance to him," and for other Purposes relating thereto.

Note.—*The Figures in the Margin denote the Number of the Folios in the written Copy.*

WHEREAS by an Act passed in that part of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland called *Ireland*, in the twenty-first and twenty-second year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, "An Act for the further Relief of His Majesty's Subjects "of this Kingdom professing the Popish Religion," it is amongst other things enacted, "That no Papist or Person professing the Popish Religion, "shall take any Benefit by the said Act, unless he or she shall for the Purposes in the said recited Act mentioned, take and subscribe the Oath of "Allegiance and Declaration prescribed by an Act passed in the said Kingdom of *Ireland* in the thirteenth and fourteenth year of his present "Majesty, intituled, An Act to enable His Majesty's Subjects of whatever Persuasion to testify their Allegiance to him," in some one of His Majesty's Four Courts in Dublin, or at the Quarter Sessions of the Peace for the County of Dublin, or before the going Judges of Assize in open Court: Preamble.

And whereas by another Act passed in the said Kingdom of *Ireland* in the thirty-third year of the Reign of His present Majesty, intituled, "An "Act for the Relief of His Majesty's Popish or Roman Catholic Subjects "of *Ireland*," it is enacted, That His Majesty's Subjects, being Papists or Persons professing the Popish or Roman Catholic Religion, or married to Papists or Persons professing the Popish or Roman Catholic Religion, or educating any of their Children in that Religion, shall not be liable or subject to any penalties, forfeitures, disabilities or incapacities, or to any Laws for the limitation, charging or discovering of their estates and property,

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perty, real or perſonal, or touching the acquiring of property or ſecurities affecting property, ſave ſuch as His Majeſty's Subjects of the Proteſtant Religion are ſubject to; provided, and it is thereby enacted, That no Papiſt or Perſon profeſſing the Popiſh or Roman Catholic Religion, ſhould take any Benefit under the ſaid Act, unleſs he ſhould have firſt taken and ſubſcribed the Oath and Declaration therein contained, and alſo the ſaid Oath appointed by the ſaid recited Act of the thirteenth and fourteenth year of His Majeſty's reign:

And whereas, notwithſtanding the ſaid recited Act, doubts have ariſen whether it is not neceſſary to entitle ſuch Papiſts or Perſons profeſſing the Popiſh or Roman Catholic Religion in *Ireland*, to take the Benefit of the ſaid recited Acts of the twenty-firſt and twenty-ſecond and thirty-third years of His Majeſty's reign, that ſuch Papiſts or Perſons profeſſing the Popiſh or Roman Catholic Religion ſhould, before the accruing of ſuch Benefits, take and ſubſcribe or have taken and ſubſcribed the Oaths and Declarations mentioned in the ſaid recited Acts of the thirteenth and fourteenth and thirty-third years of His Majeſty's reign, in manner and at the places therein mentioned:

And whereas it is expedient to quiet the poſſeſſion of ſuch Perſons as may have omitted to take and ſubſcribe the ſaid Oaths and Declarations as by the ſaid laſt recited Acts directed, and to remove any doubts as to the Titles of ſuch Perſons to any Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments:

Perſons omitting to take Oaths not to be liable to Penalties.

Now therefore be it Enacted by the KING's Moſt Excellent MAJESTY, by and with the Advice and Conſent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, That from and after the paſſing of this Act, all Papiſts or Perſons profeſſing the Popiſh or Roman Catholic Religion in *Ireland*, who ſhall have omitted to take and ſubſcribe the ſaid Oaths and Declarations mentioned in the ſaid recited Acts of the thirteenth and fourteenth and thirty-third years of His Majeſty's reign, ſhall be and are hereby freed, indemnified and diſcharged of and from, and ſhall not be liable or ſubject to any penalties, forfeitures, diſabilities or incapacities, or to any Laws for the limitation, charging or diſcovering of their eſtates and property, real or perſonal, or touching the acquiring of property or ſecurities affecting property, ſave ſuch as His Majeſty's Subjects of the Proteſtant Religion in *Ireland* are liable to, ſaving nevertheleſs to all Perſons who have inſtituted or commenced any action or ſuit in Law or Equity previous to this Act, all ſuch right, title, eſtate and intereſt, claim or demand, both at Law and Equity, as they had, could, might or ought to have had, as fully to all intents whatſoever, as if this Act had never been made; any thing herein contained to the contrary notwithſtanding.

Roman Catholics holding or diſpoſing of Freehold Property, ſhall not be required to perform other Qualifications than Proteſtant Subjects.

And be it alſo Enacted, That Papiſts or Perſons profeſſing the Popiſh or Roman Catholic Religion in *Ireland*, ſhall not for the purpoſe of taking, holding, acquiring or diſpoſing of any Freehold or other Intereſt in Lands, Tenements or Hereditaments, be required to perform any qualification or other requiſites ſave ſuch as are required of His Majeſty's Proteſtant Subjects in like caſes by any Law or Laws now in force: Provided always, that nothing herein contained ſhall extend or be conſtrued to extend to entitle any Papiſt or Perſon profeſſing the Popiſh or Roman Catholic Religion in *Ireland*, to vote for any Member or Members to ſerve in Parliament, who ſhall not have performed all ſuch Requiſites and Qualifications, and taken

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taken and ſubſcribed all ſuch Oaths and Declarations, as by any Law or Laws now in force concerning the electing of Members to ſerve in Parliament for that part of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland called *Ireland*, are enacted, expreſſed and required to be taken, ſubſcribed and performed by Perſons profeſſing the Popiſh or Roman Catholic Religion.

Not to entitle Roman Catholics to vote for Members of Parliament.

And be it further Enacted, That any Market Town or Place where any General or other Seſſions of the Peace or any Adjournments thereof, or any Adjournments of an Adjournment thereof are held, for the purpoſe of regiſtering Freeholders in the ſaid Kingdom of *Ireland*, ſhall be and the ſame are hereby declared to be a Seſſion for taking and ſubſcribing the ſaid Oaths and Declarations contained in the ſaid recited Acts of the thirteenth and fourteenth and of the thirty-third years of His Majeſty's reign; any Law now in force to the contrary thereof notwithſtanding.

Seſſions of Peace for regiſtering Freeholders to be Seſſions for taking Oaths.

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